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In re Patent Application of

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed March 12, 2003, the date of response to which is April 14, 2003 (April 12, 2003 falling on a Saturday).

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II including claims 16-24, drawn to a method of making an ultrasonic transducer.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and/or allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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